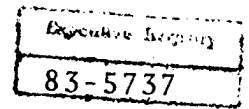


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, HUMINT Committee

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence


1. Thanks for your response to my request for concise information about what the committee is doing, how well it is doing, and how it might do better. You talk about integrating the collection plans more systematically into the national intelligence estimate process. I have been pushing that process to pinpoint intelligence gaps and specify the kind of future information which would help determine whether things are going in the direction projected by the estimate or in some alternative direction. I would like to have the HUMINT Committee focus on what it might do to see that these efforts in the estimating process, and in other intelligence products also for that matter, are effectively followed up and implemented by the collectors.

2. In paragraph 2 of your response, you talk about helping to improve the quality of human source intelligence in connection with other community components. I'd like you to take a look at that in the context of the level or depth of reporting needed and available in various circumstances, particularly under emergency conditions. By way of illustration, 

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4. I would like to see the draft of the revised plan on terrorism and also the material for a  collection plan as soon as that is available.

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5. I found  report on new developments in the processing of open source material, which he delivered at last Tuesday's morning meeting, most interesting. I assume that what he is doing is coordinated with the work that Julian Nall is doing as NIO for Science and Technology.

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